

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2004

Time: 1:00 p.m., C.S.T.

Location: Room 133
First Floor, Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

Members Present: Jerry Wilhite, D.V.M, President
Leland Davis, D.V.M., Vice-President
Maryann Grell, L.V.M.T.
Thomas Edmonds, D.V.M.
Mary Welch, D.V.M.

Members Absent: Samantha Petty, Consumer Member
Richard Buchanan, D.V.M.

Staff Present: Lisa Lampley, Board Director
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Ginger Marlowe, Office of General Counsel

Upon determination of a quorum, the telephonic meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. to consider the petition for reconsideration submitted by Dr. William Hezel, DVM, regarding the disciplinary Order entered by the Board at the March 25, 2004, meeting.

Roll call votes were conducted to ensure each participant was connected and that each participant could hear all responses. A motion was made by Dr. Wilhite, seconded by Dr. Davis, to proceed with the telephonic meeting. The motion carried. A motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Welch, to find that the requirements for an electronic meeting had been met. The motion carried.

Ms. Ginger Marlowe, Assistant General Counsel, presented the response to the petition. Ms. Marlowe stated that this matter had been fully considered by the Board at the March 25, 2004, meeting and that a reduction in penalties would not be appropriate as there was no basis for such a reduction. Ms. Marlowe stated that the petition should be denied.

Dr. Hezel expressed his frustration and cited health problems and financial difficulties as the reasons for the filing of the petition for reconsideration.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Davis to grant the petition for reconsideration and modify the original order by granting Dr. Hezel six months from this date to pay the assessed fines. The Board did not reduce the total amount of fines assessed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Welch. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Mary Welch, D.V.M., Secretary

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